



Comp Cancer News

New Coalition Leadership

The Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control (CCC) Coalition has recently seen a change in leadership.



Remi Pangan
Chairperson

Ms. Remi Pangan is the Coalition's new Chairperson, taking over the reins from Dr. Annette David. Remi, a successful businesswoman and a cancer survivor, represents the Guam Cancer Support Group. Remi has been a member of the Coalition for over one year and is passionate about increasing the

involvement of survivors in future activities.

The Coalition also has a newly-elected Vice-Chairperson in Ms. Angelina "Angie" Mummert. Angie is a Partnership Program Coordinator with the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service, Pacific Region. Angie was the Coalition's Vice-Chairperson from 2007-2008 until her husband's fight with lung cancer became her priority. Angie lost her husband to lung cancer in November 2008, but has since returned to the Coalition and served as the Leader for the Data & Research Action

Team until her election as Vice-Chairperson.

Congratulations Remi and Angie on your election as leaders of the Coalition! We look forward to the new direction your guidance will bring activities with your guidance.



Angie Mummert
Vice-Chairperson

A sincere "Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase" is extended to Dr. Annette David for her leadership as Coalition Chairperson for Program Year 2 (2008-2009).

Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase...

The Guam CCC Program, DPHSS extends a sincere **Thank You** to all Coalition members who have contributed to the success of Comprehensive Cancer Control on Guam. The past year has been filled with exciting, remarkable achievements, and these successes could not have been reached without the following dedicated CCC volunteers:

Steering Committee Members: Angie Mummert, National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service—Pacific Region; Dr. Annette David, Health Partners, LLC; Doris Crisostomo, Office of the Lt. Governor; Dr. John Ray Taitano, Cancer Council of the Pacific Islands (CCPI) Rep./The Doctor's Clinic; Lina Ariola; Marisha Artero, American Cancer Society; Peter Cruz, PEACE Project, DMHSA; Dr. Robert Haddock and Rebecca Talon, Guam Cancer Registry; Remi Pangan, Guam Cancer Support Group; Stephanie Taijeron, Health Services of the Pacific; and Deborah Delgado, Gil Suguitan, Margarita

Gay, RN, Roselie Zabala, CCPI Rep., and Venancio Imanil, all of DPHSS.

Prevention: Peter Cruz; Gloria Balajadia, RN, UOG; Leilani Dahilig, KTWG; Faye Kaible & Cathy Bayona, GPSS; Dr. Richard Chong, Guam Association of Traditional Oriental Medicine; Gil Suguitan; Marisha Artero; Renee Veksler, GMH & Get Healthy Guam! Coalition; and Dr. Annette David.

Screening & Early Detection: Vennie Colet; Mary Jean Jacar, DLS Laboratory; Deborah Delgado, Eugene Santos, Margarita Gay, and Venancio Imanil, DPHSS.

Treatment: Drs. John Ray Taitano, Philip Dauterman, Samuel Friedman, Arthur Loerzel, and Darius Richardson, all of the GMH Tumor Board; Maria Teresa Bondoc, TakeCare Insurance; and Lester Whitley, RN, Guam SurgiCenter.

Survivorship & Quality of Life: Evelyn Siquig, Remi Pangan & Marie Luarca, Guam Cancer Support Group; Stephanie Taijeron; DeeDee Babauta, UOG National Family Caregiver Support Program; and Marisha Artero.

Data & Research: Angie Mummert; Dr. Michael Ehlert, Dr. Grazyna Badowski, Dr. LisaLinda Natividad & Yvette Paulino, UOG; Renee Veksler; Dr. Robert Haddock; Rebecca Talon; Marisha Artero; and Gil Suguitan.

Financing & Insurance: Lina Ariola; Aurelio & Dr. Adoracion Solidum, Guam Cancer Support Group; Maria Teresa Bondoc; and Roselie Zabala.

Policy & Advocacy: Dr. Lee Saltzgaber, Staywell Insurance; Dr. Roni Sellman, Ohana Island Care; Eugene Santos & Doris Crisostomo, Office of the Lt. Governor; Cynthia Henson, DLS; Sahara Defensor, Office of Speaker Won Pat; Elyze McDonald, ACS; and Francis Epres & Eugene Santos, DPHSS.

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Save the Date!

Program Year 3
Coalition Retreat
December 11, 2009
(Friday)

This Quarter's Featured Cancer Data

Guam and U.S.
Mean Annual
Age-Adjusted Cancer
Incidence Rates by
Ethnicity for the
Period 2003-2007

Chamorro — 395.7
Filipino — 218.6
Micronesian — 598.3
Asian — 408.1
Caucasian — 531.2
Total U.S. — 458.4

* Cases are per 100,000 persons of the specified population.
** "Chamorro" ethnicity includes only those Chamorro residents of Guam. "Micronesian" includes persons of Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands or Republic of Palau ancestry.
Source: Guam Cancer Facts & Figures 2003-2007

"The people of Guam will be cancer free, embracing a healthy lifestyle and living in a healthy environment." (Guam CCC Vision)

Exciting CCC (and Partner) Activities...

Coalition members met with Dr. Theresa Pagliuca, a radiology oncologist, and Dr. Raman Desikan, a medical oncologist, to discuss their interests in providing cancer services on Guam. Both doctors were invited to visit Guam by Mr. Chuck Tanner and the Guam SurgiCenter (a Coalition partner), in their efforts to develop the Island Cancer Center, which will be operational in 2010. Dr. Pagliuca has since decided to move to Guam in Spring 2010.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has recognized the Guam Brief Tobacco Intervention (BTI) Program as a regional resource for the Pacific. Trainers include staff from the DPHSS Tobacco Free Guam Program, DMHSA Peace Project, and Health Partners, LLC. Training has since been provided to various USAPI jurisdictions.



Representatives from the Guam CCC Coalition attended the Pacific Islands Jurisdiction (PIJ) Policy & Practice Summit and workshops on Resources Planning and Evaluation, sponsored by the National Cancer Partners and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, as well as Cancer Council of the Pacific Islands (CCPI) meetings, from September 10-16, 2009 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Pictured with representatives from the other PIJS are Guam representatives: Dr. John Ray Taitano (accompanied by his wife, Sera) and Roselie Zabala (CCPI members); CCC Program Coordinator Cerina Mariano; and Coalition members Angie Mummert and Doris Crisostomo (not shown).

ACS Legacy Projects Focus Groups – The American Cancer Society, with the assistance of Coalition partners, conducted focus group meetings with members of the

Chuukese Community to gain a better understanding of

how religion and cultural hierarchy affect a Chuukese persons' decision to access cancer care. ACS received a mini-grant from the Pacific Centers of Excellence for the Elimination of Disparities (CEED) to conduct this study with both Chuukese and Chamorro populations.

Tobacco Bills 101 & 150 – Coalition members provided testimony in favor of Bill 101 (relative to prohibiting smoking within 20 feet of any public place where smoking is prohibited) and Bill 150 (relative to raising the tobacco taxes on Guam) in their efforts to advocate for tobacco prevention and control. Drs. Annette David and Lee Saltzgaber also provided oral testimony on behalf of the Coalition. Coalition members have been calling and writing Guam senators to advocate for the passage of these bills into law.



Dr. Dileep Bal, C-Change Board Member, presents the "2009 C-Change Award for Exemplary Implementation by a Pacific Island Jurisdiction" to the Coalition at a ceremony held on September 25, 2009 at the Government House, Agaña Heights.

Coming soon

November is American Diabetes Month

November 22nd Guam Diabetes Association
5K Walk/Run, Hilton Guam Resort & Spa at
6am. Register at Hornet Sporting Goods.

Great American Smokeout

November 19, 2009

*Free Quit Kits will be available at the American Cancer Society's (ACS) office in Hagåtña. For more information, please call ACS at 477-9451/2.

*Look for the newly produced CCC lung cancer commercial airing on KUAM-TV.

World Aids Day

December 1, 2009

Join Our Coalition...

The Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control (CCC) Coalition is a diverse group of public and private sector stakeholders and individuals whose collaborative work identifies ways to reduce the burden of cancer and eliminate gaps in cancer services in Guam. The success of the Coalition and the implementation of the Guam CCC Plan depend on the commitment and involvement of a broad spectrum of organizations and partners who are willing to share their expertise, resources and experiences with one another. As a member of the Coalition, you will:

- be involved with developing, enhancing, and supporting cancer programs and services;
- advocate for and support cancer survivors and their families; and
- network with others in the community that share a strong interest in cancer and access cancer-related resources and information.

CCC Program staff and Coalition partners participated in various community outreach activities, such as:

- Community Voices' Strengthening Guam's Families
- First Hawaiian Bank's Primera Wellness Fair
- Sexual Violence Conference
- Pacific Daily News' Making the Grade

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